

CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An aqueous hair care composition for imparting improved hairstyling properties to hair, being one or more of wet combability, feeling of the hair when wet, dry combability, texture when dry and body when dry, the composition comprising,
 - a) at least one UV-absorbing substance, and
 - b) at least one mica/titanium dioxide pigment wherein at least 90% by weight of the mica/titanium dioxide pigment comprises a particle size between about 10 and 250 microns, and
 - c) green tea extract.
2. (previously presented) The hair care composition according to claim 1, wherein 80% to 90% by weight of the pigment consist of mica, and 10% to 20% by weight thereof consist of titanium dioxide.
3. (previously presented) The hair care composition according to claim 1, containing the mica/titanium dioxide pigment in an amount between about 0.05% to about 5% by weight, calculated to the total composition.
4. (previously presented) The hair care composition according to claim 1, wherein the UVabsorber is selected from at least one of the compounds 4-aminobenzoic acid and the esters and salts thereof, 2-phenyl benzimidazole-5-sulfonic acid and the alkali and amine salts thereof, 4-dimethyl aminobenzoic acid and the esters and salts thereof, cinnamic acid and the esters and salts thereof, 4-methoxy cinnamic acid and the esters and salts thereof, salicylic acid and the esters and salts thereof, 2,4-dihydroxybenzophenone, 2,2'.4.4' tetrahydroxybenzophenone, 2-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzophenone and its 5-sulfonic acid or the sodium salt thereof, 2,2'-dihydroxy-4,4'-dimethoxybenzophenone, 2-hydroxy-5chlorobenzophenone, 2,2'-dihydroxy-4-methoxybenzophenone, 2,2'-dihydroxy-4,4' dimethoxy-5,5.'-disulfobenzophenone or the sodium salt thereof, 2-hydroxy-4octyloxybenzophenone, 2-hydroxy-4-methoxy-4'methyl

benzophenone, 3-benzylidene campher, 3-(4'-sulfo)-benzylidene bornane-2-one and the salts thereof and/or 3-(4'-methyl benzylidene)-DL-campher.

5. (previously presented) The hair care composition according to claim 1, wherein the proportion of the UV-absorber is from about 0.05% to 2.5% by weight, calculated to the total composition.

6. (previously presented) The hair care composition according to claim 1, wherein the wt.-% of the green tea extract is from 0.01% to 10.0% based on the total composition.

7. (previously presented) The hair care composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition contains about 0.1% to 5% by weight of at least one amphoteric or zwitterionic surfactant, calculated to the total composition.

8. (previously presented) The hair care composition according to claim 7, wherein the composition contains about 0.25% to 2.5% by weight, calculated to the total composition, of at least one betaine.

9. (previously presented) The hair care composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition contains about 0.1% to 10% by weight of at least one C₁₂-C₁₈-alkyl amidopropyl dimethyl or diethyl amine.

10. (previously presented) The hair care composition of claim 1, wherein the composition is formulated so as to obviate the need to rinse the composition out of subject's hair.

11. (currently amended) A method of improving the hairstyling properties of a subject's hair with the composition of claim 1 to achieve one or more of wet combability, feeling of the hair when wet, dry combability, texture when dry and body when dry, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) treating the subject's hair, the treatment comprising of at least one treatment selected from the group consisting of washing, permanent waving, and dyeing;
- (b) applying to subject's hair an amount of the composition of claim 1 that effectively imparts improved hairstyling properties to the hair being one or more of wet combability, feeling of the hair when wet, dry combability, texture when dry and body when dry, and
- ~~(d) optionally, rinsing the composition of claim 1 from the subject's hair.~~

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the composition is not rinsed from the subject's hair.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the subject's hair is provided a permanent wave treatment immediately prior to applying the composition.

14. (currently amended) A leave-in hair care composition for imparting improved hairstyling properties to a subject's hair, being one or more of wet combability, feeling of the hair when wet, dry combability, texture when dry and body when dry the composition comprising,

- a) at least one UV-absorbing substance, and
- b) at least one mica/titanium dioxide pigment wherein at least 90% by weight of the mica/titanium dioxide pigment comprises a particle size between about 10 and 250 microns, and
- c) green tea extract.

15. (previously presented) The composition of claim 14 further comprising benzophenone.

16. (currently amended) The composition of claim 14 further comprising cocoamidopropyl dimethylamine.

17. (currently amended) The composition of claim 14 further comprising at least one
| C₁₂-C₁₈ alkyl amidopropyl dimethylamine.

18. (currently amended) The composition of claim 14 further comprising at least one
| C₁₂-C₁₈ alkylamidopropyl diethylamine.